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Inventory of Quantitative Import Restrictions Applied by Countries Other than those Covered by the Joint Working Group

Addendum

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The products subject to the various kinds of restrictions are listed and classified in the order of the BTN headings under which they fall.

2. Canada has indicated an interest in BTN items 10.05, 20.02, 20.04, 20.06, 21.04, 21.05 and 21.07; the United States has indicated an interest in all the products listed.

3. Type of restriction:

The entry on Open General Licence of all goods other than those on the Negative List is permitted from all countries of the world, except the following countries, all imports from which are subject to licensing:

Albania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia,
Democratic Republic of Germany, Hungary,
North Korea, Poland, Romania, USSR and
Yugoslavia.

Although all imports from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia are subject to licence, in practice licences are granted freely for imports of goods not on the Negative List as it applies to other countries.

The following symbols are used in the list:

P: Prohibition

L: Licensing

GQ: Global quota

BQ: Products subject to bilateral or regional agreements

4. There are certain items not on the Negative List imports of which are not freely allowed on grounds of health or public safety and welfare. Products containing saccharine or other artificial sweetening agents may not be imported without a recommendation by the Ministry of Health.

5. Trinidad and Tobago is a party to the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA), The Agreement provides that "Subject to anything to the contrary in any agricultural marketing arrangements made pursuant to paragraph 6 of Annex A¹ and laid down in a Protocol between the Parties to this Agreement, a member Territory shall not apply any quantitative restrictions on imports of goods from any other part of the Area" (Article 13, paragraph 1).

¹Annex A, paragraph 6 states:

"Marketing agreements for an agreed list of agricultural commodities should be sought to come into effect at the same time as the commencement of free trade and the territories in the region should examine the possibility of restricting imports from extra-regional sources of agricultural products that are produced within the region and are available for satisfying regional demand."

The Protocol laying down marketing arrangements for sugar states that any member Territory in which sugar is produced may apply quantitative restrictions on imports into that Territory of sugar from any other part of the area. The Protocol laying down agricultural marketing arrangements¹ states:

"Para. 3: Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5, imports of any commodity into a member Territory shall be from within the Area.

Provided that, during a period of three years commencing with the date of the coming into operation of this Protocol, imports of any commodity into a member Territory from outside the Area may, in the aggregate for each of those years, amount to not more than 30 per cent of the imports of such commodity into that member Territory from outside the Area during the year 1966.

Para. 4: (1) Imports of any commodity into a member Territory from outside the Area, not being allowed under the proviso to paragraph 3, are permissible by prior sanction of the secretariat at the member Territory's request made through notification thereof by its Government to the secretariat.

(2) The secretariat shall give such sanction only when a deficit in reference to the commodity in question has been declared to exist in the said member Territory under sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 6."

6. Comments: Except where otherwise stated, the comments in this column are taken from document L/2749/Add.7.

7. References: L/2749/Add.7; L/3074.

¹The commodities in question are: pork (ex 02.01), pork products (02.05, ex 02.06, ex 16.01, ex 16.02), poultry meat (02.02), eggs (04.05), potatoes, cabbage, carrots, tomatoes, red kidney beans, garlic, onions, string beans, okra, pigeon (Congo) peas (ex 07.01), sweet potatoes (ex 07.06), pineapples and plantains (ex 08.01), fresh oranges (ex 08.02), pepper (ex 09.04), cinnamon (09.06), cloves (09.07), groundnuts (ex 12.01).

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
01.05	Live poultry	P	Imports not normally allowed except for a certain number of day-old chicks for laying
ex 02.01	Meat of bovine animals, GQ, L sheep, lambs and pigs fresh, chilled or frozen Meat of animals falling BQ within headings 01.03 and 01.04		Import quota of 75 per cent of 1965 imports <u>United States:</u> The meat of animals falling within headings 01.03 and 01.04 is included in the agricultural marketing Protocol of CARIFTA Caribbean Free Trade Association. Member countries are prohibited from importing commodities covered in the Protocol until they have bought all supplies available in the CARIFTA region. During the first three years this Agreement was in effect, however, CARIFTA countries were allowed to import up to 30 per cent of their total imports (in 1966) of a listed commodity from outside CARIFTA. Apparently it has not been implemented. (Applies also to 02.02, 04.05, 07.01, 07.06, 08.01, 08.02, 09.04, 09.06, 09.07, 12.01, 12.08.)
	Pig offals, fresh, chilled or frozen	R	Quotas have been established.
02.02	Dead poultry and edible P, BQ offals thereof (except liver), fresh, chilled or frozen		Imports not normally allowed except for offals. <u>United States:</u> See item 02.01.
ex 02.04	Other meat and edible meat offals, fresh, chilled or frozen; kangaroo meat	P	Only canned kangaroo meat allowed.

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
02.05	Unrendered pig fat free of lean meat and unrendered poultry fat, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	BQ, L	Quotas have been established
ex 02.06	Pig meat, in brine	BQ, L	Quotas have been established
03.01	Fish, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen	L	Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago
03.03	Crustaceans and molluscs, whether in shell or not, fresh (live or dead), chilled, frozen, salted, in brine or dried; crustaceans, in shell, simply boiled in water	L	
ex 04.02	Milk and cream, condensed, sweetened	GQ, L	Import quota of 20 per cent of 1964 imports
04.05	Birds' eggs and egg yolks, fresh, dried or otherwise preserved, sweetened or not	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
	Eggs in shell	L	Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled: BQ potatoes; tomatoes, carrots, red kidney beans, garlic, onions, cabbages, string beans, pigeon peas and okra		<u>United States:</u> See item 02.01. Potatoes: see also item 15.02
	Potatoes (excluding sweet potatoes)	L	Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 07.05	Split peas; dried pigeon peas	P	Imports of split peas not normally allowed; imports of dried pigeon peas allowed
ex 07.06	Sweet potatoes	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
	Pumpkins	L	Imports allowed according to the supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago
ex 08.01	Plantains and pineapples	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
	Bananas, plantains, guavas	L	Imports allowed according to the supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago
	Coconuts, fresh, whole, dried ¹	L	Limited quantities allowed
08.02	Citrus fruit, fresh	P	Imports not normally allowed
	Fresh oranges	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
08.10	Fruit (whether or not cooked), preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar:		
	Oranges, grapefruit	P	Imports not allowed
	Other	L	Import licences granted reasonably freely
08.11	Fruit provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or other preservative solutions) but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption:		
	Oranges, grapefruit	P	Imports not allowed
	Other	L	Import licences granted reasonably freely

¹An Oils and Fats Agreement has been concluded between the Governments of Barbados, Guyana, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago and Dominica for the purpose of extending and supporting the coconut industry in the area, including the manufacture of fats and oils. Consequently special arrangements are in force affecting imports of certain products (this also affects items 12.01, 15.01 to 15.07, 15.09, 15.10, 15.12, 15.13, 15.17 and 23.04).

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 09.01	Coffee, whether or not roasted or freed of caffeine; coffee substitutes containing coffee in any proportion	L	
ex 09.04	Pepper	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
ex 09.06	Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
09.07	Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems)	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
10.05	Maize	L, BQ	<u>United States:</u> Imports from CARIFTA (Caribbean Free Trade Association), with a few exceptions, are no longer subject to licensing requirements. (Applies also to 20.02, 20.04, 20.06, 21.04, 21.05, 21.07)
10.06	Rice	P, BQ	Imports allowed only from Guyana and Surinam, in accordance with agreements with the Governments of these countries.
ex 11.01	Wheat flour	L	Quotas have been established
ex 11.08	Liquid starches	P	Imports not allowed
ex 12.01	Ground-nuts, linseed	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01. As regards linseed, see also item 15.02.
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit, excluding castor oil seeds	L	Imports of copra not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement. Imports allowed freely for uses other than extracting oil.

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 12.03	Coconut seeds for planting	L	Imports freely licensed
ex 12.07	Tonka beans	L	Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago
ex 12.08	Locust beans, fresh or dried, whether or not kibbled or ground	BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 02.01
15.01	Lard and other rendered pig fat; rendered poultry fat	L	Imports not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement
15.02	Unrendered fats of bovine cattle, sheep or goats; tallow (including "premier jus" ¹ produced from those fats)	BQ, L	Limited quantities allowed for use in manufacture of copra products. Licensed freely for use other than manufacture of copra products <u>United States:</u> These items appear on the Basic Materials List of CARIFTA. Imports of these products from non-members, consequently, are to receive the same treatment granted members. This may include the removal of quantitative restrictions in some cases. (Applies also to potatoes (07.01), linseed (12.01) and items 15.06, 15.07 and 15.15).
15.03	Lard stearin, oleostearin and tallow stearin; lard-oil, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed, or prepared in any way	L	Imports not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement

¹See note 1, item 08.01

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
15.04	Fats and oils, of fish and marine mammals, whether or not refined:		
	Cod liver oil	L	Imports freely licensed
	Other fats and oils ¹	L	Limited quantities allowed for use in manufacture of copra products Licensed freely for uses other than manufacture of copra products
15.05	Wool grease and fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin)	L	Imports not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement
15.06	Other animal oils and fats (including neat's-foot oil and fats from bones or waste) ¹	BQ, L	<u>United States:</u> see item 15.02 Limited quantities allowed for use in manufacture of copra products. Licensed freely for uses other than manufacture of copra products
15.07	Fixed vegetable oils, fluid or solid, crude, refined or purified:		
	Linseed oil	BQ, L	<u>United States:</u> see item 15.02 Imports freely licensed
	Olive oil and castor oil	L	Imports freely licensed
	Tung oil and other paint oil; Mustard oil	L	Import licences granted reasonably freely
	Other oils ¹	L	Soyabean oil, cotton-seed oil and ground-nut oil: limited quantities allowed under the Agreement for use in manufacture of copra products or in case of shortage of copra or coconut oil in the area of the Agreement.

¹See note 1, item 08.01.

BTN	Product	Type of restrictions	Comments
15.07 (cont'd)			<p>Palm oil and palm kernel oil: Limited quantities allowed to be imported under the Agreement for pharmaceutical use and manufacture of paints, etc.</p> <p>Coconut oil: Imports not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement.</p> <p>Other oils: Limited quantities allowed under the Agreement.</p>
15.08	Animal and vegetable oils, boiled, oxidized or blown	L	Imports freely licensed.
	Degras	L	Imports not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement.
ex 15.10	Fatty acids; acid oils ¹	L	Limited quantities allowed under the Agreement for use in manufacture of copra and other products.
ex 15.12	Animal or vegetable oils and fats, wholly or partially hydrogenated; solid fish oil	L	Limited quantities allowed under the Agreement, for the manufacture of copra and other products.
15.13	Margarine of animal, vegetable or mixed origin; substitutes of animal or vegetable origin ¹	L	Imports not normally allowed from outside the area of the Agreement.
15.15	Beeswax and other insect waxes, whether or not coloured	BQ, L	United States: see item 15.02 Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago.
15.16	Vegetable waxes, whether or not coloured	L	Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago.
15.17	Residues resulting from the treatment of fatty substances or animal or vegetable waxes ¹	L	Limited quantities allowed under the Agreement for use in manufacture of copra and other products.

¹ See note 1, item 03.01

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 16.01	Sausages and the like, of meat, meat offal or animal blood: "snack foods"	L	Quotas have been established.
ex 16.02	Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal:		
	Canned chicken	P	Imports not normally allowed
	Snack foods	L	Quotas have been established
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid	P	Imports not normally allowed
19.01	Malt extract	P	Imports not allowed
19.03	Macaroni, spaghetti and similar products	GQ, L	Quota of 50 per cent of 1962 imports
20.02	Vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid: (i.e. canned vegetables):		
	Canned peas and beans	L	Imports allowed according to supply situation in Trinidad and Tobago
	Canned olives, canned peas and canned tomatoes	L, BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 10.05
20.03	Fruit preserved by freezing, containing added sugar:		
	Oranges and grapefruit	P	Imports not allowed
	Other	L	Import licences granted reasonably freely
20.04	Fruit, fruit-peel and parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallized)		
	Lemon peel	P	Imports not normally allowed
	Glacé cherries	L, BQ	<u>United States:</u> see item 10.05
	Other	L	Import licences granted reasonably freely

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
20.05	Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit purée and fruit pastes, being cooked preparations, whether or not containing added sugar	L	Licences normally issued for marmalades and citrus fruit pulp; for other products, licences are issued for types not manufactured in Trinidad and Tobago
20.06	Fruit otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or spirit:		
	Canned fruit	L, BQ	<u>United States</u> : see item 10.05
	Oranges and grapefruit	P	Imports not allowed
	Other	L	Import licences granted reasonably freely
20.07	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, whether or not containing added sugar, but unfermented and not containing spirit:		
	Of citrus fruit, excluding lemon juice	P	Imports not allowed
	Other	L	
ex 21.02	Extracts, essences or concentrates of coffee; preparations with a basis of those extracts, essences or concentrates	L	
ex 21.04	Tomato ketchup	L, BQ	<u>United States</u> : see item 10.05
21.05	Soups and broths, in liquid, solid or powder form	L, BQ	<u>United States</u> : see item 10.05
21.07	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	L, BQ	"Snack foods": quotas have been fixed
ex 22.03	"Condensed or dehydrated" beer	P	Imports not allowed

BTN	Product	Type of restriction	Comments
23.04	Oilcake and other residues (except dregs) resulting from the extraction of vegetable oils ¹	L	Imports of all kinds of oilcake, except coconut cake in meal, allowed reasonably freely
24.01	Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse	L	Licences granted for all requirements except small percentage produced in Trinidad and Tobago

¹Coconut cake and meal are covered by the Agreement. See note 1, item 08.01.